

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board

MEETING MINUTES (Not Approved)

January 17, 2019

1:00PM

Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy
Classrooms 5 & 6, Dormitory
98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH 03301

NOTE: "Action items" are in bold red.

Members present:

Grant Turpin (Chair), Susan Barnard, Jeanne Erickson, Mike Harnois, Eric Jaeger, Don Johnson, Jeremy LaPlante, Joshua Morrison, Michael Newhall, Richard O'Brien, Clay Odell, Lisa Patterson, Matthew Petrin, Greg Placy, Scott Schuler, David Tauber, and Jeremy Thibeault **(17)** QUORUM = 12

Members absent:

Susanna Ayers, Frank Hubbell, Lukas Kolm, Kristen Krauss, Chad Miller **(3)**

NH FST&EMS Staff:

Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips, Chief of Strategy and Planning Nick Mercuri, Bureau Chief Justin Romanello; Captains: Kathy Higgins-Doolan, Vicki Blanchard, and Chip Cooper; Joanne Lahaie, and Gerard Christian (minutes) **(10)**

Guests:

Michael Avellino, Steve Erickson, Fred Heinrich, Aaron McIntire, Anna Sessa, Brian Nicholson, Craig Clough, and Doug Devine **(8)**

I. Call to Order

Item 1. Welcome – Chair Grant Turpin called the meeting to order at 1304

Item 2. Introductions were made

Item 3. Membership

- No membership updates at this time

II. Approval of the minutes

Motion Made (O'Brien/Thibeault) to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2018 meeting as drafted **Motion Carries** (LaPlante Abstaining)

III. Division / BEMS Reports

Item 1. Division and BEMS

Bureau Chief Romanello reported:

- AG office went to TMRC, reviewed rules recommendations; this opportunity is available to every board and commission.
- Changes to the website, new educational opportunities listed on site. Two sections outside opportunities and Division sponsored opportunities
- 2016 ACS document and NHTSA-TAT documents and the town hall meetings notes are also re-released on the site under surveys and forms
- Romanello has also updated the communications list and bureau functions on the site so that calls can be relayed appropriately.
- Union Leader published a report re: NHTSA report. The report helped the Division to propel into the future, and raised awareness at high levels of state government.
- Continuing to meet on training agencies and MIH with the Coordinating Board
- Teleconferencing is available for hospitals and the North Country facilities. This was successfully tested yesterday, makes education available for all hospitals
- PT listing for EMS instructors and an initial EMS program coordinator
- Anxiety protocol- Romanello reached out to NASEMSO, 25 states replied to his survey, no other states are doing anything w/ anxiety at this time. Romanello – this is a good thing, and speaks to the level of medicine that we are providing here.

Item 2. Legislative update

Chief Mercuri reported:

- 9 Bills Being Monitored:
 - HB 224- Rep. Prolux- EMS LODD went to hearing, includes privates that do emergency work, exec. Covers any ambulance crew engaged in emergency work. Session next week, Bill has gone to ED&A – please reach out with input to the committee, very early in the process.
 - FR suicide bill- to examine the high levels of Suicide among FRs
 - PTSD- bill in senate to cover PTSD in workers comp, this group was rep'd by Fire/EMS/PD and NAMI
 - Insurance reimbursement bill- relevant to ED's not through BEMS, regarding reimbursement through final diagnosis
 - Another bill- out for EMS balanced billing
 - Another bill- to expand CISD team to formally include dispatchers
 - Another bill- to put Emergency kits in schools
- SAMSHA GRANT – MIH Opioid related house calls
 - Applications 5 in, 2 in pipeline
 - G&C soon (hopfully jan/feb)
 - Regional program covering 15 communities
 - ~10 programs by end of year
 - May be able to roll some unused funding from year 1 (~400K) into yr 2/3

IV. Committee/Board Reports

Item 1. Medical Control Board update

Vicki Blanchard reported for Frank Hubbell. The MCB met this morning, January 17, 2019.

Highlights of the meeting:

- The following protocols were discussed:
 - Restraints – Adult and Pediatric
 - Infection Control
 - Behavioral Emergencies – Adult and Pediatric
 - Baby Safe Haven
 - Communication Failure
 - Communications
 - Consenting Minor
 - Continuity of Care
 - Crime Scene
- The members voted to send the Restraint protocol back to committee for further clarification regarding the use of physical and chemical restraints
- The members also discussed the Adult Asthma/COPD/RAD protocol and the use of EPI in COPD as brought up by Dr. Drix. The members voted to send this protocol back to committee for further discussion.
- Frisbie Hospital is now overseeing the CARES project. Hospitals coming on-line. Many have only a few CARES cases per month. Records take about 11 minutes to enter.
- The next MCB meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019.
- Here is the link to the minutes for MCB meetings:
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/mbminutes.html>

Item 2. TMRC report

Scott Schuler Reported. The TMRC meeting was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2018.

Highlights of the meeting:

- WDH Recommended to the Commissioner of Safety for Adult and Pedi Level III Trauma Center based on recent site visit
- DHMC Recommended to the Commissioner of Safety for the Remaining 2 years of their Adult Level I Trauma Center term, based on successful resolution of deficiencies.
- CMC's Pediatric review will be delayed until the summer to allow them time to prepare for their ACS review.
- The AG's office gave an extended presentation on meeting mechanics and administrative law.
- The next meeting of the TMRC is scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 9:30AM.
- Here is the link to the minutes for TMRC meetings:
https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/trauma_minutes.html

Item 3. Work group reports

a. **Implied consent and EMS refusals** (Chief Nick Mercuri)

Draft letter from Mercuri has gone out to Eric, cc to Grant. Jaeger and Mercuri will finalize soon. Not much evidence on this topic noted.

b. **EMS Physician level of licensure** (Capt. Vicki Blanchard)

Meeting scheduled on 2/5/19, traction is building, and resources available. Oversight has been a big topic with in the operational sphere oversight would come from the service. Medically, the oversight would come from the MRH or the State Medical Director. Will require an administrative rule change.

c. **I/C Renewal & EMS Education** (BC Romanello, Capt. Kathy Doolan)

Liza, Kathy, and Justin will meet again in February to get a formal plan in place for moving forward with the creation of training agencies. Romanello notes that this will be a good way to separate those who want to educate and those who want to coordinate.

d. **Recruitment and Retention** (Chief Mercuri, BC Romanello)

Justin and Nick are going to be working with Georgia, and other NASEMSO officials to develop some best practices. Rural health office will be surveying healthcare providers in the state. They are tagging EMS in for no cost. The process is in a data gathering phase. Will have NH specific data soon.

e. **EMS Rules** (AD Phillips, BC Romanello)

Marta from Legal was present and reported:

- Final draft is being worked on by legal. Not much public feedback mostly points of clarification and comments from OLS and JLCAR.
- Moved EMS protocols to SAF-C 7400. Legal waiting for final copies but were effective as of 11/28/2018. Protocols, forms, and applications by reference and inclusion as appendices.
- Protocols will be moved from protocol committee, then to MCB, then to CB then on to Commissioner of Safety and OLS and exempted from JLCAR
- Final rules proposal will be filed February 11 for the March 15 JLCAR session. A final version of the rules will be presented as soon as legal has the document drafted. The CB will review them once received. No further action is required as of now.

Considerable discussion on the new roll out of protocols ensued. The protocols that were approved at the MCB will be included with the minutes for the NEXT CB meeting, along with a matrix to track changes.

Item 4. Stroke care – S. Barnard

- Tri-state meeting ME, NH, VT regarding FAST-ED scale as a part of the EMS protocol
- Going to base the NH Protocol off the ME protocol. Will make tweaks and local information, Vicki will submit a draft to stroke collaborative, then on to Protocol committee/MCB

V. Old Business

Item 1. NREMT LCCR – State Required subjects

2019 re-certification cycle (April 1) – subject specific; 4 separate 1-hour modules:

1. Documentation
2. EMS in the Warm Zone (Rescue Task Force)
3. Mental Health
4. Sleep Deprivation and Fatigue

Will roll out in April, there will be options available online from State, but not required to take the State classes.

Item 2. Data requests – establishing list of people to help review data requests

Cooper Reporting:

- With 2018 rules change need to create a privacy committee Presented a document/implementation plan for the operationalization/guidance for the development of a state EMS data privacy committee
- Committee would be housed under the Commissioner of Safety, not necessarily under the CB but related to the CB mission
- Would be a standing meeting immediately after the CB meeting
- Could be busy depending on the needs of the request or the usage of the data
- Some of the role of this committee would be to determine merit of the data request, ensure privacy and decrease risk to EMS community
- Will be screened for data use agreement, security, and IRB approval as needed. Plan calls for at least 4 members from the CB, Grant requesting pool of at least 6.

The following Individuals expressed interest in becoming involved:

- Craig Clough (member at large/ Commissioner appointee)
- Grant Turpin
- Mike Petrin
- Scott Schuler
- Eric Jaeger (term limited, April)
- Mike Newhall
- Rich O'Brien (Term limited, August)

VI. New Business

VII. Good of the Order / Items of Interest (see attachment)

LaPlante: Quality assurance, Quality improvement needs to be addressed.

- Wonders if there is some way that the board can have an ongoing conversation to get information back to the EMS agencies from the hospitals
- Grant believes that this is an opportunity for a new workgroup/subcommittee. Nationwide struggle, usefulness of data is a question

NEEDS: stakeholder buy in, hospital participation, Following members are interested:

- Jeremy LaPlante
- Barnard
- Morrison
- Clay

- Grant
- Craig
- Scott

DIVISION WILL BUILD STRUCTURE. Expect update next meeting

AD Phillips noted that Georgia has released a first responder PTSD/Suicide awareness video. It's approximately 55minutes in length. The division will send it around for the community to view.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made (Jaeger/Morrison) – to adjourn the meeting at 1450 passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER: March 21, 2019

(Minutes recorded by Gerard T. Christian, AS, NRP, Clinical Systems Program Coordinator)